



City of Redmond Planning Commission May 11, 2005 Meeting Summary

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Kim Allen, Kate Dunn, Charlie McCarthy, Korby Parnell, Susan Petitpas, Suzanne Querry

Planning Commissioners not in Attendance:

Martin Snodgrass

Staff and Guests in Attendance:

Lori Peckol, Jeff Churchill, Sarah Stiteler, Terry Shirk, Redmond Planning Department; Arthur Sullivan, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH)

Business Conducted:

Vice Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Commissioner Snodgrass was excused from the meeting, and it was recognized that Commissioner McCarthy would be late.

The agenda was modified to allow items from the audience as part of the study session on Innovative Housing Pilot Program.

Vice Chair Allen opened the study session on Wayfinding for Downtown Redmond. Jeff Churchill stated that the purpose of the study session was to provide an overview of the draft plan and to seek Planning Commission feedback. During his presentation, Mr. Churchill covered project background, wayfinding needs for the Downtown, types of wayfinding signs, implementation, and next steps.

Among the issues Commission discussed included target areas for wayfinding signs; suggestions regarding the design concept, content and locations for the signs; the importance of establishing an overall design concept that works citywide and reinforces Redmond's identity, while providing for variation for specific areas; need for definition of customer; ways to advertise the program; and suggestions for other groups who might be interested in the program. The Commission also commented that having a wayfinding plan and implementation strategy is a great idea.

Mr. Churchill also gave a brief overview of the proposed Implementation and Community Indicators Program which Commissioners received at the meeting. He asked Commissioners to review the proposed program for discussion at their next study session.

Vice Chair Allen then opened the study session on a proposed amendment to the RCDG to allow the City to establish an Innovative Housing Pilot Program. Under Items from the Audience, Curt Bateman expressed concern regarding the proposal in the current draft of limiting applications to two times a year. He commented that even a few months delay in being able to submit an application can have significant impacts on project feasibility. He asked the Commission to allow applications to be submitted at any time during the year. He also urged the Commission to be aware of the implications of impact and other fees for project feasibility.

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Commissioner Querry led the discussion which centered on design standards, process timelines, impact and utility fees, utility standards, program parameters, and notice. Both Ms. Shirk and Arthur Sullivan answered questions raised by the Commission. The Commission closed discussion on all the issues.

Commissioner Querry moved to recommend adoption of the Innovative Housing Pilot Program with the changes discussed. Commissioner Petitpas seconded the motion. Motion passed, 6-0. Ms. Shirk agreed to update the proposed program and issues table in time to be included with the Commission's next packet. She noted that approval of the Planning Commission's report to City Council is scheduled for May 25.

Ms. Peckol reported on the upcoming celebration event for the Transportation Master Plan and reviewed the extended agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.